



State Board of Education
CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE
October 30, 2015
Room 500, Cross State Office Building

MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Geiger, Chair
Alan Burton
Ande Smith
Martha Harris

OTHERS PRESENT:

Scott Brown, Director, Maine DOE School Facilities
Ann Pinnette, Maine DOE School Facilities
Jeff Larimer, Harriman Associates
William Webster, Superintendent Lewiston Public Schools (speaker phone)
Dave Schoenherr, Bureau of General Services

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

Minutes of August 28, 2015 were approved as written.

The chair introduced the Lewiston Public Schools' Site Exhibit to the Committee. He then asked Scott Brown to explain the Exhibit further including the work required in the Department of Education's Site Approval process. Mr. Brown explained the Department's work with the Lewiston Public Schools' representatives and Harriman Associates. Superintendent Bill Webster then discussed the challenges of finding an acceptable site in the downtown area of Lewiston. He also provided a detailed history of the selection process including the extensive public involvement resulting in a 72-0 straw pole. Architect Jeff Larimer reviewed the sites that were considered as well as the detailed Site Plan of the selected site. After a number of questions and further discussion the Committee voted to send the Exhibit to the Board with the recommendation that it be approved.

The chair introduced the Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) Exhibit to the Committee. He then asked Ann Pinnette to explain the Exhibit further. Ms. Pinnette explained the Department's process and work associated with the development of the Exhibit. After questions and further discussion the Committee voted to send the Exhibit to the Board with the recommendation that it be approved.

Under Miscellaneous Business the Committee discussed the possibility of initiating the next rating cycle for Major Capital School Construction Program. The Committee will continue to work to develop a plan with the Board and the Commissioner for the next cycle. The Chair also set the January Committee meeting date for Monday January 4th at 9 am.

There being no further business, the Committee voted to adjourn at 10:15 a.m.